

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
Psalm 90:14



*Church of*  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi  
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The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province and their partners in ministry.

Inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, and rooted in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi, we actively WELCOME all people.



We WORSHIP God through prayerful and inspiring liturgies, the celebration of the sacraments, and the devotional life of the Church. We WITNESS to our faith by ministering to everyone, especially those who are poor, alienated or oppressed.

## *Our Weekly Schedule*

### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### **Saturday Evening Vigil Masses**

4:00, 5:15 PM (Organ & Cantor)

#### **Sunday Masses**

8:00 AM (Organ & Cantor), 9:15 AM (Korean),  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor; Lower Church),  
11:00 AM (Organ & Choir); 12:30 PM (Organ & Cantor),  
5:00 & 6:15 PM (Contemporary Ensemble)

#### **Weekday Masses**

7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 4:30, 5:30 PM

#### **Saturday Morning Masses**

8:00, 11:00 AM

#### **First Friday Filipino Community Mass**

6:15 PM (Lower Church)

#### **Holidays**

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for federal and other holidays.

### **On the cover:**

New York City sunrise silhouette, © depositphotos.com.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands! (Psalm 90: 14, 17).

### **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation**

**Monday - Friday** 7:30 - 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4:00 - 5:30 PM

**Saturday** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 3:30 - 5:30 PM

**Sunday** 8:30 - 9:30 AM; 4:30 - 5:30 PM

### **Devotions**

#### **Monday**

Devotions in Honor of St. Monica after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

#### **Tuesday**

Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony after all Masses starting at 7:45 AM

#### **Wednesday**

Devotions in Honor of St. Jude after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

#### **Thursday**

Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for the Sick after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

#### **Friday**

Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Heart after 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses  
Lenten Season: Stations of the Cross  
Easter Season: Stations of the Resurrection

#### **Saturday**

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

Summer hours: 9:00 - 11:15 AM; 1:00 - 4:15 PM

## The Pastor's Corner



What is important in your life? Luke's Gospel says: "Thus will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God." This verse concludes today's Gospel. Earlier in the readings we heard "Vanity of vanities . . . all things are vanity." And "seek those things that are above." The goal of following this wisdom is to make ourselves a new person in Christ. To allow Christ's thoughts, His attitude, His ways of dealing with challenges in life to shape ours. Many traditional values in today's society have almost disappeared and been replaced by selfish, self-seeking, immature, cruel rhetoric. Today's readings are a call to live out what "matters to God." When we "put on" Christ, we indeed become that "new creation."

There is still more to happen as part of the 175th Anniversary of our church. There will be events in September and October and they will be made public as soon as the final plans are put together. The raffle continues and you may purchase raffle tickets at the reception desk. Prizes are \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Many thanks to all who participated in the Commemorative Journal that is now at the printer. Those who participated will receive a free copy and copies are available for advance purchase. I have seen a preview of the book and it will be beautiful.

*Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

## Come Explore the Catholic Faith!

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself? Do you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith? Were you baptized in another Christian church and are thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you Catholic



but never received Confirmation or First Communion?

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM starting in September. These classes are designed for people who may or may not be sure that they want to join the Catholic church. We present a comprehensive overview of Catholic faith and traditions designed for adults. Anyone inquiring into the Catholic faith may attend these sessions with no obligations. The RCIA is free for anyone exploring Catholicism.

If you would like to find out more about our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact: Joseph Nuzzi, Director of Evangelization; 212-736-8500, Ext. 365 or [jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org).

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.



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AFRICA**

While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources as well as pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

## Book Review: *Personal Prayer*

Each book about prayer that I have reviewed is different in some way from other books about prayer. Since each one of us is different, some books on prayer are more appealing than others. The author of this book, Fr. John Trenchard, CSSR, begins his approach to prayer by saying that it is "the belief that Jesus Christ was born to



be with us and that his friendship can make all the difference. But, like all friendships, it can be a huge struggle to keep it going."

Trenchard begins with self awareness, or as he calls it, "unearthing the treasure within." He makes the statement that

"when we find our true self, we're touching

God." He speaks about "steps" that allow this awareness to move us into prayer and to how God speaks to us in a unique way. All of us encounter problems in prayer from time to time; these include finding time, distractions, frustration, dryness, and being overwhelmed, but the comforting news is that we don't always pray the same way all the time.

In addition to the author's thought, he includes correspondence from people that is relevant to the topic being treated. He ends up by explaining how prayer can be a "life changing experience." If you are interested in any of these topics, the book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

## 175th Anniversary Raffle

**\$1,000 First Prize \$500 Second Prize**

**\$250 Third Prize**

**Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

**On sale at the reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House**

**Drawing will be held at the Gala on September 20**

**You do not have to be present to win**

## The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 12

Fr. Damian Kehr, O.F.M. was appointed pastor of St. Francis in 1914. He had been guardian of the friary for a year when he succeeded Fr. Eusebius Schlingmann, O.F.M. as pastor. Many alterations had to be made on the church property.

The sidewalks had to be widened and the iron fences moved back. Water from an underground brook suddenly appeared in the cellar and pumps had to be installed to carry the water into the sewers.

Fr. Damian installed one of the largest and finest organs in the country for St. Francis Church. The contract for the new organ was signed with Reuben Midmer & Son of Merrick, NY in September of 1915. The installation alone required six weeks, as the organ occupied most of the choir loft and a large part in the tower space. At the time of the installation it is recorded: "This organ is a first class instrument and the sixty-four gilded and exquisitely decorated front pipes give it a fine appearance. For power, sweetness and variety of tone, this organ can hardly be surpassed by any other." The magnificent instrument with over 3,000 metal and wooden pipes was first played at Mass on Easter Sunday, 1916. For over seventy years, Fr. Damian's courageous acquisition provided joy and beauty for the daily liturgies and devotions at St. Francis.



During Fr. Damian's pastorate, each year the number of younger families decreased as the businesses continued to expand in the neighborhood. Sunday after Sunday, the pastor witnessed more and more vacant family pews as family after family moved elsewhere. At the same time, the number of transient devotees continued to grow, and the friars began to

experience new and vibrant forms of ministry on West 31st Street.

In the spring of 1919, Fr. Damian began formulating plans for the celebration of the parish's 75th Diamond Jubilee. The celebration was organized for October 1919, but was postponed until the following year. Meanwhile, the Provincial Chapter of 1919 transferred Fr. Damian to St. Anthony Friary in Butler, NJ. A former Minister Provincial, Fr. Anselm Kennedy, O.F.M., the first American-born friar, was appointed Pastor of St. Francis Church.

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*This series of articles on the history of our parish is adapted from the writings of Fr. Flavian Walsh, O.F.M., Pastor from 1985-87.*

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

*James Field*

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The retdos behind the high altar at the cathedral in Toledo, Spain is covered in gold and features carved scenes from the life of Christ.

## STAND UP, IMMIGRANTS! BUILD THE NETWORK

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Here's a possible solution!

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### *Gaudete et Exsultate:*

### Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

### Chapter 5: Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment

The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways at work, through others and at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God's language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light. In this way we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Spirit.



Nonetheless, it is possible that even in prayer itself we could refuse to let ourselves be confronted by the freedom of the Spirit, who acts as he wills. We must remember that prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen to the Lord and to others and to reality itself which always challenges us in new ways.

Only if we are prepared to listen do we have the freedom to set aside our own partial or insufficient ideas, our usual habits and ways of seeing things. In this way we become truly open to accepting a call that can shatter our security but lead us to a better life.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers; for the intentions of Marie Karen Gustave; and the intentions of Adelaida Carlos.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given by Adelaida Carlos.

### Saturday, August 3, 2019

8:00 AM Aurea Jenosa (d.)  
11:00 Alexandru Militaru (d.)  
4:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales (d.)  
5:15 Kathleen Harris

### Sunday, August 4, 2018

8:00 AM Jerry & Rosalia Bazzurro (d.)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
9:30 Marie Couamin (d.)  
11:00 Maggie Rittler (d.)  
12:30 PM Dominga Luna (d.)  
5:00 Mary Molloy (d.)  
6:15 Franciscan Mass League

### Monday, August 5, 2019

7:00 Estelita A. Torribio (d.)  
7:45 Domingo B. Gapuz (d.)  
8:30 Vicente Gapuz (d.)  
11:30 Marilyn Marikle (d.)  
12:30 PM Rufino B. Gapuz (d.)  
4:30 Santiago Estillore (d.)  
5:30 Paulino Prado (d.)

### Tuesday, August 6, 2019

7:00 José V. Madamba (d.)  
7:45 Marciano Jacela (d.)  
8:30 Margaret L. Sheehan  
11:30 Angela Gianneattia (d.)  
12:30 PM Henry Kim  
4:30 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)  
5:30 Jonathan Butler

### Wednesday, August 7, 2019

7:00 AM Alexis Morales  
7:45 John Collins  
8:30 Agnes P. Hernon  
11:30 Bruno Andersson (d.)  
12:30 PM Thanks. to St. Anthony, R. Simba  
4:30 Reynaldo Siochi (d.)  
5:30 Isidro Nogoy, thanksgiving



Saint Dominic,  
August 8

### Thursday, August 8, 2019

7:00 Fernando Aberin  
7:45 William Lazar (d.)  
8:30 Dr. John A. Coyne (d.)  
11:30 Carol Rass  
12:30 PM The Sick  
4:30 Melba Emralino (d.)  
5:30 Eufronia Roslin (d.)

### Friday, August 9, 2019

7:00 Uchenna Chukwujekwu  
7:45 Mildred Ziminski, for healing  
8:30 Ellen K. Dirrane  
11:30 Mary Ann Burbage (d.)  
12:30 PM Ania & Miss T. Cihanek (d.)  
4:30 Terry Doyle (d.) & Maura O'Brien  
5:30 Frank Franciosa (d.)



## Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

**ST. FRANCIS HOUSE: 135 W. 31st Street • SAN DAMIANO HALL: 127 W. 31st Street**  
**ST. FRANCIS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: 139 W. 31st Street**

### Adult Education

A variety of courses in Scripture, church history, spirituality, personal growth, and other topics are offered at noon and in the evenings in the Fall and Spring months. Special brochures with course offerings are published prior to the start of each term and are available at the church entrances. Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 311.

### Franciscan Bread for the Poor

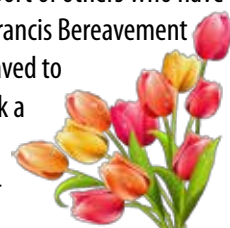
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to [www.stfrancisbreadline.org](http://www.stfrancisbreadline.org).

### Counseling Center

Counseling services are available on a short- or long-term basis by appointment only. Sliding scale fee structure. Call 212-736-8500, Ext. 290 for information or to make an appointment.

### Saint Francis Bereavement Ministry

While grief is a very private experience, people who have lost loved ones can benefit from the witness and support of others who have lost someone special in their lives. The St. Francis Bereavement Ministry offers an opportunity for the bereaved to connect with others who grieve, and to seek a path of healing as they come to terms with their loss. Call Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500, Ext. 204 to inquire.



### **Immigration Assistance**

The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi provides assistance to all immigrants regardless of status. If anyone needs assistance or has concerns about immigration matters, please contact the Migrant Center at 212-736-8500, Ext. 305/377 or email [migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org).

### **Korean Ministry**

The Korean Community worships in Korean every Sunday at 9:15 AM. A Mass for young adults is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM in the lower church. Fr. Michael Kim, O.F.M.; 212-736-8500, Ext. 384.

### **LGBT Outreach**

Our LGBT ministry is very active in our community. The ministry provides various spiritual, social, and educational events from September through June. For more information, please visit the website to sign up for our mailing list. For more information, contact Meredith Augustin, liaison for the LGBT ministry, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

### **Mass Cards & Perpetual Enrollments**

Available at the Reception Desk in the lobby of St. Francis House. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; Saturday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

### **Music Ministry**

To become involved in our liturgical music ministry, please call Meredith Augustin, Director of Music Ministries, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The RCIA is the process by which people can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. The RCIA is for any unbaptized adult who is new to the Catholic faith or any unbaptized child usually over the age of 7. The RCIA is also for any adult or child over the age of 7 who was baptized in another Christian tradition and for baptized Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Joseph Nuzzi at 212-736-8500, Ext. 365.

### **RENEW! Younger Retiree Program**

Catholic retirees, age 55 and over, participate in spiritual, cultural, social, and service activities in the New York Metropolitan Area. For information, please contact RENEW at 212-736-8500, Ext. 389.

### **Secular Franciscans**

Lay men and women who strive to follow the Gospel way of life according to the ideals of St. Francis. For information please see our website <http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/secularfranciscans.htm>.

### **St. Francis on Facebook**

St. Francis Church is on Facebook! Join the group "St. Francis of Assisi NYC" on Facebook to see who else is a member, be informed of news and events and keep in touch with what's going on in your parish community. Stay connected the way you like to stay connected. Join the group today and invite your friends.

### **Self-Help Groups**

St. Francis Church hosts numerous self-help groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, and others. Please consult the Self-Help and Support Groups brochure for times and locations of the meetings.

### **Spiritual Direction**

Spiritual Direction as a means of spiritual growth and faith development is provided by the Center Staff. Contact Fr. Joseph Cavoto, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500 for more information.

### **Ugnayan Filipino Ministry**

A home away from home for newly arrived Filipino immigrants. Our ministry sponsors the Sacred Heart devotion during the 6:15 PM First Friday Mass with fellowship afterwards. We conduct Lectio Divina every Third Friday of the month. The ministry also welcomes interested individuals to join their music ministry. Rehearsals are on two consecutive Thursdays before the First Friday. Email: [flipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:flipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org).

### **Volunteers**

St. Francis Church invites individuals to give freely of their time and expertise in order to make a difference. Our volunteers participate in liturgical ministries as well as other forms of service to the church and the community. Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers. Email: [etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org).

### **Young Adult Ministry**

This is a ministry of, by, and for Catholic men and women in their 20's and 30's. At St. Francis we believe that ministering to young adults begins by creating an environment where people feel welcome, especially by worshipping God together in a way that feeds the spirit. For more information please email: [youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org).



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